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Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education
Cotabato City



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TO : **ALFHADAR J. PAJJI**, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Management

ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
DIVISION DRRM COORDINATORS

ALL SUPERINTENDENTS/ADMINISTRATORS/OIC HEADS/FOCAL PERSONS
(Ministry-Supervised Higher Education Institutions)

TESD PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS

FROM : **MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**
Minister

SUBJECT : **SCHOOL ASSESSMENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE DUE TO RECENT EARTHQUAKES AND MULTIPLE AFTERSHOCKS**

DATE : December 4, 2023

1. In light of the recent seismic activities, the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) acknowledges the importance of ensuring the safety and integrity of educational infrastructures within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The series of earthquakes and aftershocks have raised concerns about the structural stability of school buildings and facilities.
2. To address this matter promptly and comprehensively, the following directives are issued:
 - a. **Immediate Visual Inspection:** All school heads and concerned personnel are instructed to conduct an immediate visual inspection of all school buildings and facilities under their jurisdiction. This includes classrooms, laboratories, libraries, administrative buildings, and other structures.
 - b. **Detailed Structural Assessment:** Engage the services of qualified structural engineers to conduct a detailed structural assessment of school buildings. This assessment should encompass the foundation, columns, beams, walls, roofing, and other structural elements. The engineers should provide a comprehensive report on the structural integrity of each building.
 - c. **Prioritization of Inspection:** Prioritize the inspection based on the seismic intensity experienced in specific areas. High-risk areas, as identified by local disaster risk reduction and management offices, should be given immediate attention.



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- d. **Temporary Evacuation if Necessary:** If any building is deemed unsafe based on the assessment, take immediate action to temporarily relocate students and staff to safer areas. Coordinate with local authorities and ensure that appropriate measures are in place for the well-being of all occupants.
 - e. **Reporting Mechanism:** Submit a comprehensive report on the findings of the inspections to the MBHTE. The report should include a list of buildings inspected, their condition, and recommendations for necessary
 - f. **Collaboration with Local Authorities:** Collaborate with local disaster risk reduction and management offices, as well as other relevant agencies, to ensure a coordinated and efficient response. Regularly update them on the progress of assessments and actions taken.
3. The Ministry emphasizes the importance of a swift and systematic response to guarantee the safety of students, teachers, and staff.
4. For strict compliance.

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